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Viewing cable 10CARACAS219, Globovision Owners Acknowledge Defeat; El Nacional On the Ropes?

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
10CARACAS219	2010-02-23 18:15	2011-08-30 01:44	SECRET	Embassy Caracas

Appears in these articles:

<http://www.elnuevoherald.com/2011/08/08/998979/documentan-ofensiva-de-chavez.html>

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SUBJECT: Globovision Owners Acknowledge Defeat; El Nacional On the Ropes?

REF: 10 CARACAS 181; 09 CARACAS 663

CLASSIFIED BY: DUDDY, AMBASSADOR, DOS, AMB; REASON: 1.4(B), (D)

¶1. (S) Summary: In separate meetings with the Ambassador between February 17-19, several of Venezuela's major private media XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX acknowledged that relentless Venezuelan Government (GBRV) pressure against their television and print outlets has threatened to pu
End Summary.

XXXXXXXXXXXX Resigns; Alleges GBRV Pressure on Globovision Owners

¶2. (SBU) Following more than a week of widespread speculation regarding the potential sale of opposition-oriented television network G1

¶3. (C) In a private meeting on February 17, XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX told the Ambassador that GBRV pressure on XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX involved trumped up leg

¶4. (C) XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX affirmed to the Ambassador that Nelson XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX had been under similarly intense GBRV pressure to engineer a change in Globovision's management and editorial line. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX claimed that XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX had been threatened by Energy Minister XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX did not comply with GBRV demands, "we will go after your bank."
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XXXXXXXXXXXX Confirm Capitulation

¶5. (S) In a February 18 meeting with the Ambassador, XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX largely confirmed XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX's account. Following various GBRV threa

¶6. (S) Despite XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX's pronouncements at his press conference that Globovision would not self-censor despite the GBRV pressure, X

¶7. (S) XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX told the Ambassador that the station is financially independent and healthy despite the GBRV's recent attacks, incre

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¶8. (S) In a separate February 19 meeting, Ambassador Duddy met with XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX. Lamenting the GBRV's "economic asphyxiation" of El Na
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be out of money and thus business by April. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX affirmed that fellow independent daily El Universal was also having severe financial c

¶9. (S) XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX noted that increased GBRV nationalizations would further reduce already limited commercial space/advertising revenue
End Note.)

¶10. (C) Comment: Chavez continues to reduce the private media's ability to serve as a countervailing democratic force. With Globovision e
End Comment.
DUDDY